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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4699

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SUBJ: SMITH SEE VORSTER

1. PRIME MINISTER SMITH FLEW INTO SOUTH AFRICA TODAY, SEPT 12, FOR A ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH PM VORSTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA. SMITH, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY PM DAVID SMITH AND CABINET SECRETARY JACK GAYLORD, IS APPRAENTLY RETURNING TO SALISBURY THIS EVENING. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT CAME FROM SALISBURY RATHER THAN PRETORIA. LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY THAT THIS MAY BE THE "MOST IMPORTANT MEETING" OF THE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. SABC NOTED THAT SMITH HAD INDICATED HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO COMBINE THE "ACCEPTABLE ASPECTS" OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WITH HIS OWN PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

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2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHO TOOK INITIATIVE ON THE MEETING. PROBABLY THE RHODESIANS. MOST LIKELY THE VISIT IS TO CONSULT ON KEY ELEMENTS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND TEST SAG REACTIONS TO VARIOUS STRATEGIES. THE SOUTH AFRICANS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY DETACHED ATTITUDE ABOUT THE PLAN, BUT IN RECENT DAYS THERE HAS BEEN A FLURRY

OF HIGH LEVEL STATEMENTS FROM VORSTER, FONMIN BOTHA,
ECONOMICS MINISTER HEUNIS, DEFENSE MINISTER BOTHA
AND SADF CHIEF MALAN EXHORTING THE NATION TO PREPARE FOR
THE POSSIBILITY OF A TIGHTENED INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS
PROGRAM WHICH COULD AFFECT SOUTH AFRICA. WE EXPECT MORE
STATEMENTS OF THIS SORT DURING THE NP TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL
CONGRESS THIS WEEK.

3. BRITISH EMBASSY TELLS US THEIR PEOPLE IN SALISBURY
HAD NO INCLING OF SURPRISE SMITH VISIT.
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